has been drawn to the reported negotiations for a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty amongst signatories to the NPT;

(b) if so, what progress has been made in these negotiations; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Since January 1994, negotiations are being held in the 38 member Conference on Disarmament (CD) in Geneva to conclude a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). These negotiations have made considerable progress though some issues have yet to be resolved. Indira is actively participating in the on-going negotiations. It is expected that a CTBT would be concluded in 1996.

Delay in installation of telephone connections

*343. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware about the inordinate delay in installation and commissioning of new telephone connections even after issue of an OB or work order in Delhi Telephones;

(b) whether it is a fact that even after the telephone has been installed, it takes weeks before dial-tone is available and a number is allotted;

(c) what is the normal period prescribed for installation and commissioning of a telephone after issue of OB;

(d) what is the total number of OBs pending in Delhi Telephones as on 31st October, 1995; and

(e) what specific action is proposed to remedy this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Faulty traffic light signals in Delhi

*344. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2416 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th March, 1994 and state:

(a) the details of the 17 places in Delhi where the electronic signals are out of order;

(b) the number of additional places in respect of which the complaints of faulty traffic signals are in the knowledge of the Traffic Police/Keltron;

(c) what are the reasons that despite daily checks by Zonal Officers, traffic lights at Janpath, Connaught Place, Barakhamba Road, Ranjit Singh Marg, Humayun Road, Golf Links, Ashram Chowk and T-Point near Bhogal on Mathura Road continue to be faulty for months together; and

(d) the action Government have so far taken to redress these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) The details alongwith present status of the seventeen places where the traffic signals were not fully operational in 1994 is given in the statement *(See below)*.

(b) On 14.12.1995, seven signals were found to be faulty. However, this number varies from time to time as some of the signals may suddenly stop working due to electrical or mechanical failure or due to damage caused by road accidents.

(c) Traffic lights at Janpath, Rajiv Chowk, Barakhamba Raod, Ranjit Singh Marg, Humayun Road, Golf Links, Ashram Chowk and T-Point near Bhogal on Mathura Road are all functional. Whenever they go out of order the defects are rectified as soon as possible.